

## U23 race returns to the cycling classic

**After a three-year break due to the pandemic, the U23 edition of Eschborn-Frankfurt will celebrate its comeback on May 1. More than 160 young riders are expected at the cycling classic. Like the WorldTour pros, the talented riders will start in Eschborn and ride through the Taunus Mountains to the finish line in front of the Alte Oper.**

108 kilometers are on the program for the U23 riders. It will also be a challenging cycling classic for the youngsters, because the Feldberg, a Taunus icon, shapes the course profile. After the mountain classification has been taken here at the race's midpoint, the race will head back to Frankfurt's city center.

*"We are pleased that the U23 riders are back at the cycling classic. Our decision for the junior race comes at exactly the right time, because the demand from the teams was huge. Now the world's best development teams will start together with a colorful international field and the German talent pools,"* says **Nathanael Bank**, project manager for Eschborn-Frankfurt.

A large starting field with 23 teams from 12 nations is expected on May 1. In addition to the development team of the WorldTour team Jumbo-Visma, two national teams (Austria, Luxembourg) and five German continental teams will compete. Also taking part are the local heroes from Hessen-Frankfurt-Opelit - the U23 team from RV Sossenheim 1895. The roots of the race on May 1 lie in the club.

The U23 cycling classic is a springboard for the best young riders. Mads Pedersen won in Frankfurt five years before he became world champion. With Fabio Jakobsen, one of the currently world's best sprinters already showed his final speed in front of the Alte Oper in 2017. Jonas Rutsch and Nils Politt also already stood on the U23 podium. The last edition of the race (2019) was won by Frederik Rodenberg ahead of Kaden Groves, who most recently took his first Grand Tour stage win at the Vuelta a Espana.

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### Team selection Eschborn-Frankfurt U23 2023 (as of February 14, 2023)

- BHS PL Beton Bornholm (DEN)
- Bialini Team Global Cycling Project (POL)
- BIKE AID (GER)
- ColoQuick Cycling (DEN)
- CYCLING SHEFFIELD (GBR)
- Bingoal WB Development Team (BEL)
- Cycling Team Friuli ASD (ITA)
- Cycling Vlaanderen (BEL)
- Lotto Dstny Development Team (BEL)
- Hessen – Frankfurt – Opelit (GER)

- Merida Adelaar Cycling Team (NED)
- Nationalteam Luxembourg (LUX)
- Nationalteam Österreich (AUT)
- P&S Benotti (GER)
- Saris Rouvy Sauerland Team (GER)
- Team Colpack Ballan (ITA)
- Restaurant Suri - Carl Ras (DEN)
- Jumbo Visma Development Team (NED)
- Team Lotto Kernhaus (GER)
- Team Rad-net Oßwald (GER)
- Team Ringerikskraft Elite (NOR)
- Team Taurus (SUI)
- TUFO PARDUS Prostějov (CZE)